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2. The act or an instance of bending or flexing; flexion.

**flex'ur·al** *adj.*

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Will it give place to flexure and low bending? --Shak.

2. A turn; a bend; a fold; a curve.

Varying with the flexures of the valley through which it meandered. --British Quart. Rev.

3. (Zo["o]l.) The last joint, or bend, of the wing of a bird.

4. (Astron.) The small distortion of an astronomical instrument caused by the weight of its parts; the amount to be added or subtracted from the observed readings of the instrument to correct them for this distortion.

The flexure of a curve (Math.), the bending of a curve towards or from a straight line.

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n : an angular shape made by folding [syn: fold, crease, plication, crimp, bend]

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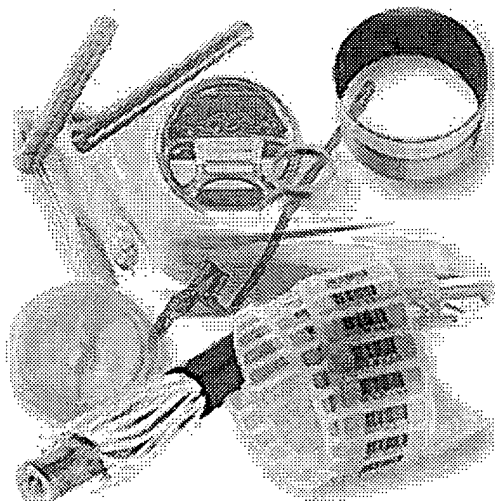
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